

--11. The apparatus for producing glass fiber according to claim 7, wherein a difference in the diameter between at least two types of orifices each having different diameter is in a range of from 0.02 to 0.3 mm.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending. Claim 8 is amended to eliminate multiple dependencies and claims 9-11 are added to compensate for subject matter deleted from claim 8. Prompt and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of the rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. 1.121(c)(ii)).

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